

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A thermoplastic molding composition comprising:
 - A) from 10 to 99.99% by weight of at least one thermoplastic polyester;
 - B) from 0.01 to 50% by weight of a highly branched or hyperbranched polycarbonate having an OH number of from 1 to 600 mg KOH/g of polycarbonate (to DIN 53240, Part 2), a degree of branching from 10 to 99.9%, and both structural and molecular non-uniformity;
 - C) from 0 to 60% by weight of other additives;wherein the total of the percentages by weight of components A) to C) is 100%.
2. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein component B) has a number-average molar mass M_n of from 100 to 15 000 g/mol.
3. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein component B) has a glass transition temperature T_g of from -80°C to 140°C.
4. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein component B) has a viscosity (mPas) at 23°C (to DIN 53019) of from 50 to 200 000.
5. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein component B) is obtainable via a process comprising:
 - a) reacting at least one organic carbonate (A) of the general formula $RO[(CO)]_nOR$ with at least one aliphatic, aliphatic/aromatic or aromatic alcohol (B) which has at least 3 OH groups, with elimination of alcohols ROH to give one or more condensates (K), where each R, independently of the others, is a straight-chain or branched aliphatic, aromatic/aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, and

where the radicals R may also be connected to one another to form a ring, and n is an integer between 1 and 5, or

ab) reacting phosgene, diphosgene or triphosgene with abovementioned alcohol (B), with elimination of hydrogen chloride,
and

b) intermolecular reaction of the condensates (K) to give a highly functional, highly branched, or highly functional, hyperbranched polycarbonate, where the quantitative proportion of the OH groups to the carbonates in the reaction mixture is selected in such a way that the condensates (K) have an average of either one carbonate group and more than one OH group or one OH group and more than one carbonate group.

6. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 5, wherein the reaction mixture further comprises at least one alcohol (B') having two OH groups, with the proviso that the average total OH functionality of all of the alcohols used is greater than 2.

7. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 5, where the resultant highly functional, highly branched, or highly functional, hyperbranched polycarbonate is reacted, in an additional step (step c)), with a suitable functionalizing reagent which can react with the OH and/or carbonate groups of the polycarbonate.

8. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 5, where the highly functional, highly branched, or highly functional, hyperbranched polycarbonate is modified by carrying out step b) in the presence of additional compounds which have not only OH groups or carbonate groups but also other functional groups or functional elements.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of producing fibers, films, or moldings comprising utilizing the thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1.
10. (Previously Presented) A fiber, a film, or a molding obtainable from the thermoplastic molding compositions according to claim 1.
11. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein ~~B2)~~ B) has an OH number of from 10 to 550 mg KOH/g.
12. (Currently Amended) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein ~~B2)~~ B) has an OH number of from 50 to 550 mg KOH/g.
13. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein the degree of branching is from 20 to 99%.
14. (Previously Presented) The thermoplastic molding composition according to claim 1, wherein the degree of branching is from 20 to 95%.